THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF MILLIS

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1903.

MILFORD, MASS.:
G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE,
1903.

TOWN OFFICERS 1902-3.

TOWN CLERK.

LOUIS LACROIX.

TOWN TREASURER.

EVAN F. RICHARDSON.

SELECTMEN.

M. C. ADAMS, J. H. SHANNON, J. H. INGRAHAM.

ASSESSORS.

W. P. CLARK, M. C. ADAMS, L. LACROIX.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

H. H. THORNE, *THOMAS HARDING,
F. SWARMAN, †F. H. HOLLAND, JR.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

E. L. RICHARDSON, 1903, F. E. COOK, 1904,
E. F. RICHARDSON, 1905.

COLLECTOR.

J. CLARENCE THORNE.

AUDITOR.

E. F. LOVELL.

CONSTABLES.

J. C. THORNE, J. W. CRIBBIE.

TREE WARDEN.

L. LACROIX.

TRUSTEES PUBLIC LIBRARY.

L. LACROIX, 1903, H. H. THORNE, 1904,
REV. A. H. WHEELOCK, 1905.

*Died July 14. †Appointed to fill vacancy.

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

W. W. WHITING, 1903, CHARLES LACROIX, 1904,
J. S. ADAMS, 1905.

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

L. LACROIX, 1903, G. E. ANDERSON, 1904. (Deceased.)
A. L. WARE, 1905. (Deceased.)

Officers Appointed by the Selectmen.

FENCE VIEWERS.

A. R. DANIELS, W. P. CLARK, F. H. DANIELS.

FIRE ENGINEERS AND FOREST FIREWARDS.

CHAS. LACROIX, W. W. WHITING, FRED SWARMAN.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.
E. F. RICHARDSON.

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE.
M. C. ADAMS.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

J. C. THORNE, E. J. KEITH, E. N. CLARK.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

LEMUEL CLARK, GEORGE C. THRASHER.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS.

FRED SWARMAN, CHARLES LACROIX, S. A. CLARK.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.
J. H. SHANNON.

UNDERTAKER.
E. F. RICHARDSON.

THE RECORDS

OF THE

EIGHTEENTH MUNICIPAL YEAR

ENDING JANUARY 31, 1903.

FIRST MEETING, MARCH 3, 1902.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Osgood T. Dean elected, and qualified before the town clerk.

ARTICLE 2. To choose a clerk, treasurer, tax collector, three selectmen, three assessors, three overseers of the poor, two constables, one auditor, one tree warden, all for one year; one school committee for three years; one trustee of the public library for three years; one water commissioner for three years; one park commissioner for three years; also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town." All the above to be on one ballot. Also to choose all other town officers. The polls will be open at eight o'clock, and may be closed at half past one in the afternoon.

Albert R. Daniels and Henry E. Hosmer sworn as ballot clerks and tellers by the moderator. Polls closed at 1.45 P. M. 127 ballots cast, which were counted and declared as follows:—

For town clerk, (one year):—	
Louis LaCroix,	86
Blanks,	41
For selectmen, (one year):—	
Moses C. Adams,	98
George E. Anderson,	26
John H. Ingraham,	87
Jeremiah H. Shannon,	108
George P. Simmons,	29
Blanks,	33
For assessors, (one year):—	
Moses C. Adams,	106
Willard P. Clark,	87
Louis LaCroix,	83
George C. Thrasher,	65
John M. Crane,	2

Blanks,	38
For overseers of poor, (one year):—	
Thomas Harding,	109
Fred Swarman,	111
Herbert H. Thorne,	105
Blanks,	56
For treasurer, (one year):—	
Evan F. Richardson,	110
Blanks,	17
For tax collector, (one year) :—	
J. Clarence Thorne,	105
Blanks,	22
For school committee, (three years) :—	
Evan F. Richardson,	98
Blanks,	29
For constables,(one year):—	
John W. Cribbie,	88
J. Clarence Thorne,	101
Blanks,	65
For trustee of library (three years):—	
Albert H. Wheelock,	92
Blanks,	35
For water commissioner (three years) :—	
Joseph S. Adams,	104
Blanks,	23
For park commissioner, (three years) :—	
Augustus L. Ware,	102
Blanks,	25
For tree warden, (one year):—	
Louis La Croix,	100
Blanks,	27
For auditor, (one year) :—	
Edmund F. Lovell,	99
Blanks,	28
Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?	
Yes,	31
No,	76
Blanks,	20

Adjourned to March 17, 1902, at 1.30 o'clock, P. M.

LOUIS LACROIX, Town Clerk.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 17, 1902.

Called to order by the moderator.

Under Article 2, voted the selectmen appoint the remaining officers.

ARTICLE 3. To hear and act on the reports of the town officers.

Voted to take up reports separately. Each report taken in order as found in printed report, and each report was accepted.

Article 4. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of 1902.

Voted that the treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of 1902.

Article 5. To see what disposition the town will make of the money refunded by the county on account of dog licenses.

That it be appropriated to use of the public library. Voted that the town treasurer be authorized to advance to the trustees $125 in anticipation of same.

Article 6. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the public library.

Voted to dismiss the article.

Article 7. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day.

Voted to appropriate $60 for expenses of Memorial day. Voted a committee of three be appointed by the selectmen to expend this.

Article 8. To appropriate money for all necessary town expenses for 1902.

Roads, bridges and sidewalks	$1,200 00
Incidentals	1,000 00
Poor department	1,000 00
Fire department	500 00
Interest	1,700 00
Debt	600 00
Sinking fund	650 00
For all school purposes	3,500 00
Snow bills	300 00

Article 9. To fix the rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes, as required by Article 3, Section 7 of the town by-laws.

Voted that 6 per cent be charged on unpaid taxes.

Article 10. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen.

Voted to accept the list as follows: J. Warren Clark, Harris W. Alden, Frank R. Clark, John H. Swarman, Myron Follett, George C. Thrasher, Chester LaCroix, George F. Holbrook, Fred H. Holland, Jr., J. Herbert Barker, Elmer L. Richardson, Asahel F. Lovell, Augustus L. Ware.

Article 11. To grant money for all town expenses.

Laid on table until after Article 17.

Voted to grant $11,310 for all town expenses for 1902.

Article 12. To see if the town will appropriate a sum not exceeding $300 for the purchase of a combination hose and fire wagon.

That the town of Millis do purchase a wagon to be used as a hose wagon, the cost not to be over $300.00, and that the engineers and two members of the fire department be a committee to purchase the same.

Moderator appointed as committee from fire department J. C. Thorne, F. H. Holland, Jr.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to amend Sections 1 and 2 of Article 1 of the town by-laws, that the election of officers and all other town business of the annual meeting may be done on the same day; or act in any matter respecting the same.

Voted that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to consider the question and report at the next town meeting.

Chair appointed John S. Folsom, J. Warren Clark, Augustus L. Ware.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to adopt so much of Section 339 of Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts as relates to the election of Overseers of the Poor for a term of three years.

Voted to dismiss.

Article 15. To see if the town will appropriate $250 for the service of a superintendent of schools; or act on any matter relating thereto.

Voted to appropriate $250 for service of superintendent of schools.

ARTICLE 16. To hear the report of the selectmen on guideboards; and appropriate money for the repairs of same.

Verbal report by M. C. Adams. Voted to appropriate $50 for repairs of guideboards.

ARTICLE 17. To appropriate money for the payment of outstanding bills.

Voted to appropriate $200 to pay outstanding bills of 1901.

Voted that it is the sentiment of this meeting that the selectmen use UNUSUAL effort to secure a state road in this town.

Adjourned.

LOUIS LACROIX,
Town Clerk.

SECOND TOWN MEETING, APRIL 7, 1902.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator.

Osgood T. Dean elected and qualified.

ARTICLE 2. To hear report of selectmen on the cost of building Curve and Union streets, from the post-office to the East Millis station; and act on any matter relating thereto.

Selectmen reported they had consulted a civil engineer, and it was estimated that the streets could be built for $475, if gravel was taken from pumping station pit, and more if taken from the "White" pit. Voted the report be accepted.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will appropriate money to build and repair Curve and Union streets, according to plans that have already been accepted; and act on any matter relating thereto.

Voted, 18 yes, 12 no, that the selectmen do build Curve and Union streets as per plans already accepted, and a sum not to exceed $700 be appropriated to cover cost of building and land damage.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will build a new tramp house; or act in any matter relating to the care of tramps.

Voted that the town build a tramp house 11x14 ft., 6½-foot posts, with eight bunks; to be built with two sills in the

rear and one in front, projecting 5 feet, so it can be moved, the overseers of poor to get bids for the keeping of tramps and let the same, the building to be moved to the successful bidder; tramps applying to the overseers for lodgings to be given a ticket entitling them to one night's lodging once a year.

Voted, 20 yes, 17 no, to appropriate $105.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to have the trees along the roadsides trimmed.

Voted $25 be appropriated for use of tree warden.

ARTICLE 6. To establish custodian of the town's interests in the depot building.

Voted that the selectmen be custodians of the town's interests in the depot building, and be responsible for care and repair.

ARTICLE 7.

Voted this article be laid on the table until end of warrant.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to refund that portion of its indebtedness due the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and authorize its treasurer, with the approval of a majority of its selectmen, to borrow money and issue certificates of the indebtedness of the town therefor, for the purpose of paying the notes of the town now held by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

It was unanimously voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of a majority of the selectmen, to borrow the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars ($7,500) for the purpose of paying the notes of the town, now held by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; one dated December 1st, 1896, due November 1, 1902, $1,500; one dated December 1, 1896, due November 1, 1903, $2,000; one dated December 1, 1896, due November 1, 1904, $2,000; and one dated December 1, 1896, due November 1, 1905, $2,000, giving therefor the notes of the town signed by the treasurer and counter-signed by a majority of the selectmen, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent (4%) per annum, payable semi-annually. Said notes shall be payable seven hun-

dred fifty dollars ($750.00) each year from December 1, 1902, to December 1, 1911, both inclusive.

Article 9. To hear the report of the committee on by-laws; and act on any matter relating thereto.

Your committee on revision of by-laws beg leave to submit the following:—

That all after the word "shall" in the 18th line of Sect. 1, Art. I. be repealed, and the following words substituted in place therof: "at once be taken up, and acted upon in regular order. After all the articles of the warrant shall have been disposed of, the declaration of the votes for town officers shall be made by the moderator."

That all of Sect. 2, Art I. be repealed.

That Sect. 4, Art. II. be amended by adding the following paragraph: "They shall also submit to the town, with their annual report, a recommendation of such sums of money as in their judgment is necessary for the town to appropriate for the succeeding financial year, and said recommendations shall be printed collectively in the auditor's report. The selectmen, in their recommendations, shall embrace all items under the respective headings, not devolving upon any other board."

That Sect. 5, Art. II.be amended by striking out the word "five" in the second line, and inserting the word "nine" in its place.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. Warren Clark,
Augustus L. Ware,
John S. Folsom,
Committee.

Millis, Mass., April 7, 1902.

Voted the report be accepted and referred to the selectmen for insertion in the next annual meeting warrant.

Article 10. To grant a sum of money to pay smallpox bills; or act in any matter relating thereto.

Voted unanimously to appropriate $500.

Article 7. To see if the town will grant money or vote to issue a note covering the above appropriations.

Voted unanimously to grant $1330.

Meeting dissolved.

Louis LaCroix, Town Clerk.

Third Town Meeting.

Saturday, the Fourteenth Day of June, at 2 o'clock in the Afternoon.

Article 1. To choose a moderator.

Augustus L. Ware elected and qualified as moderator.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to reconsider or rescind the votes passed at a recent meeting, whereby certain sums of money were appropriated, which will not be expended during the current year.

On motion of George C. Thrasher, voted to rescind the vote passed April 7, 1902, appropriating $700 to widen and repair Curve and Union streets.

Voted to rescind the vote passed April 7, 1902, appropriating $105 to build a tramp house.

Article 3. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money, in addition to the seven hundred dollars appropriated April seventh, to build Curve and Union streets; or act in any matter relating thereto.

Voted to dismiss the article.

Adjourned.

Louis LaCroix, Town Clerk.

Fourth Meeting, October 27, 1902.

Article 1. To choose a moderator.

George C. Thrasher elected and qualified.

On motion of Evan F. Richardson, voted unanimously that the meeting adjourn to Tuesday, November 4, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Louis LaCroix, Town Clerk.

November 4, 1902.

Adjourned meeting called to order by George C. Thrasher, moderator, at 2.30 p. m.

Article 2. To see if the town will appropriate money for the repairing and widening of Curve and Union streets,

and building a sidewalk thereon, according to plan which has already been accepted by the town.

Voted to dismiss the article.

Article 3. To see if the town will appropriate money for the widening and improving of Curve street, and building a sidewalk on Curve and Union streets; or act on any matter relating thereto.

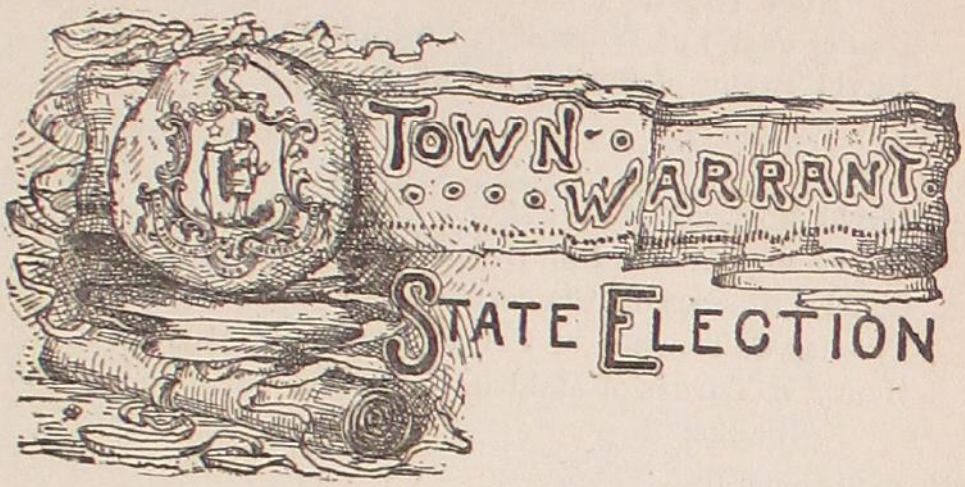
Voted to appropriate $400 for widening and improving Curve street and building a sidewalk on Curve and Union streets. Voted the selectmen do the work. Voted that the selectmen be instructed to build the sidewalk on north side of Curve street and south side of Union street crossing where in their opinion is most favorable.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to borrow money covering the above appropriation; or act on any matter relating thereto.

Voted unanimously the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen be authorized to borrow $400 to cover above appropriations.

Meeting dissolved.

Louis LaCroix, Town Clerk.



NOVEMBER 4, 1902.

Result of vote as declared:—

Governor:—

John L. Bates of Boston, Republican,	83
Michael T. Berry of Haverhill, Soc. Labor Nom. Paper,	1
William A. Gaston of Boston, Democratic,	33
William H. Partridge of Newton, Prohibition,	3
Blanks,	2

Lieutenant-Governor:—

John Quincy Adams of Amesbury, Socialist,	2
Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton, Prohibition,	3
Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston, Republican,	81
Herbert C. Joyner of Great Barrington, Democratic,	29
Blanks,	7

Secretary:—

Edward A. Buckland of Holyoke, Socialist,	3
Herbert B. Griffin of Winthrop, Prohibition,	3
William M. Olin of Boston, Republican,	80
Willmore B. Stone of Springfield, Democratic,	28
Blanks,	8

Treasurer and Receiver General:—

Edward S. Bradford of Springfield, Republican,	82
Joseph L. Chalifoux of Lowell, Democratic,	26

Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield, Socialist Labor Nom. Paper,	1
Daniel Parlin of Worcester, Prohibition,	4
David Taylor of Boston, Socialist,	1
Blanks,	8
Auditor:—	
David Morrison of Fall River, Prohibition,	3
S. Fremont Packard of Brockton, Socialist,	1
Charles Stoeber of Adams, Soc. Labor Nom. Paper,	1
Thomas C. Thacher of Yarmouth, Democratic,	29
Henry E. Turner of Malden, Republican,	77
Blanks,	11
Attorney-General:—	
Allen Coffin of Nantucket, Prohibition,	2
Charles E. Fenner of Worcester, Socialist,	1
John J. Flaherty of Gloucester, Democratic,	26
Herbert Parker of Lancaster, Republican,	82
Blanks,	11
Representative in Congress—Twelfth District:—	
Napoleon B. Johnson of Milford, Prohibition,	2
Samuel L. Powers of Newton, Republican,	77
Frederic J. Stimson of Dedham, Democratic,	39
Blanks,	4
Councillor—Second District:—	
Gustave B. Bates of Quincy, Socialist,	1
John T. Kennedy of Boston, Democratic,	31
Arthur A. Maxwell of Boston, Republican,	78
Robert S. Maxwell of Boston, Republican Citizen Nom. Paper,	4
Blanks,	8
Senator—Second Norfolk District:—	
Albion F. Bemis of Foxborough, Republican,	80
Dennis W. Higgins of Walpole, Socialist,	1
Osborne Howes of Brookline, Democratic,	32
Blanks,	9
Representative in General Court—Ninth Norfolk District:—	
Richard Cunningham of Wellesley, Democratic,	36

Thomas Sutton of Needham, Republican,	79
Blanks,	7

County Commissioner—Norfolk:—

William E. Badger of Quincy, Republican,	66
Daniel H. Coleman of Braintree, Socialist,	1
Marshall P. Wright of Quincy, Rep. Ind. Nom. Paper, Democratic,	50
Blanks,	5

LOUIS LACROIX,
Town Clerk.

Result of vote cast November 4, 1902, in the towns of Medfield, Needham, Dover, Wellesley and Millis, for one representative to the general court for the 9th Norfolk District:—

	Thomas Sutton,	Richard Cunningham,	Blanks.
Medfield,	142	55	23
Needham,	304	181	30
Dover,	47	20	8
Wellesley,	171	298	27
Millis,	79	36	7
	743	590	95

Attest:

LOUIS LACROIX,
Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISTICS.

REVISED LAWS, CHAPTER 29.

EXTRACTS FROM SECTIONS 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 AND 8.

SECTION 1. Each city and town clerk shall receive or obtain and record * * * facts relative to the births * * * in his city or town.

SECTION 3. Physicians and midwives shall, on or before the fifth day of each month, report to the clerk of each city or town a correct list of all children born therein during the preceding month at whose birth they were present. * * *

SECTION 4. A member or servant of a family in which a child is born, who has knowledge of the facts required * * * shall furnish the same upon request of the clerk of the city or town * * * or of any person authorized by him. Penalty for refusal not more than ten dollars.

SECTION 6. Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, * * * shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born.

Every householder is required to give notice of a birth occurring in his house.

EXTRACTS FROM CHAPTER 78, REVISED LAWS.

SECTION 38. No undertaker or other person shall bury a human body in a city or town or remove therefrom a human body which has not been buried, except as provided in the following section, until a permit therefor shall have been received from the proper authorities. No such permit shall be issued until there shall have been delivered to the board of health or agent a written statement, as required by law, with a physician's certificate of the cause of death.

SECTION 39. No undertaker or other person shall bury in a city or town a human body brought into this Commonwealth until he has received a permit so to do from the proper authorities.

CHAPTER 151, SECTION 29, REVISED LAWS OF MASS.

If a marriage is solemnized in another state between parties living in this Commonwealth, who return to dwell here, they shall, within seven days after their return, file with the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which either of them lived at the time of their marriage a certificate or declaration of their marriage, including the facts relative to marriages which are required by law, and for neglect thereof shall forfeit ten dollars.

Blanks can be obtained by applying to the town clerk.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN MILLIS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1902.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
1902		
Jan. 13 .	Bernett Myer Simon, .	Louis and Jennie (Merowitz).
Jan. 15 .	John Kane, ...	John P. and Johanna F. (Kirby).
Feb. 15 .	George Alma Olsen, . .	John P. and Charlotte M. (Hermod).
Feb. 21 .	Waldemar Kenville Clark,	Frank R. and Amelia (Russell).
Mar. 2 .	Eva Thorner, . . .	Boris and Jennie (Sneider).
Mar. 13 .	Dorothy Bell Ferguson, .	John F. and Florence S. (Irwin).
Apr. 20 .	Illegitimate, ...	
Apr. 28 .	David James Cassidy, .	Frank E. and Annie (Ford).
June 15 .	Joseph Myron Simmons,	George P. and Anna M. (Skarp).
July 6 .	Edla Sophia Victoria Gustafson, .	Carl G. and Edla J. E. (Leth).
July 15 .	Theodore Warren Chamberlin,	Lewis W. and Florence (Smith).
Aug. 1 .	Frances Ethel Appleyard,	Arthur E. and Frances C. (Seaborne).
Sept. 11 .	Leon Theodore Delpe, .	Joseph and Mary (Goyette).
Sept. 13 .	Arthur O'Byrne, . . .	Frank and Margaret (Sullivan).
Sept. 17 .	Charles Osgood Dean, Lincoln Fairfield Dean,	Osgood T. and Mary E. (Libby).
Oct. 23 .	Ruth Louise Irwin, . .	Richard G. and Edith E. (Andrews).
Nov. 7 .	David Harold Eastwood .	David S. and Jessie G. (Williamson).
Dec. 1 .	Winnifred Hall Gately .	Thomas H. and Viola A. (Jones).
Dec. 28 .	Cecil Lawrence,	Stead C. and Hannah M. (Hinchliffe).

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN MILLIS FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1902.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	BY WHOM AND WHERE MARRIED.
1901			
Nov. 16 .	John F. Ferguson . .	Millis . .	Rev. S. E. Frohock,
	Florence S. Irwin . .	Millis . .	Central Falls, R. I.
1902			
Mar. 6 .	Joseph G. Steele . . .	Franklin .	Rev. Guy W. Miner,
	Isabella H. Irwin . .	Franklin .	Millis.
Mar. 7 .	Richard G. Irwin . .	Millis . .	Rev. J. G. Vose,
	Edith Evelyn Andrews .	Millis . .	Providence, R. I.
Mar. 16 .	L. Osmond Follet . .	Millis . .	Rev. A. H. Wheelock,
	Emily E. Hurd . . .	Millis . .	Millis.
May 17 .	Frank E. Bailey . . .	Medfield . .	Rev. A. H. Wheelock,
	Abbie L. Truell . . .	Sutton, N. H.	Millis.
June 16 .	William B. Cushman .	Millis . .	Rev. J. H. Riley,
	Alice LaForce . . .	Bethlehem, N.H	Bethlehem, N. H.
June 29 .	Napoleon Duhamel . .	Millis . .	Rev. D. J. Keleher,
	Agnes Garity . . .	Millis . .	Medway.
Sept. 4 .	Ernest L. Hill . . .	Millis . .	Rev. A. H. Wheelock,
	Fannie E. Morse . .	Townsend .	Townsend.
Sept. 16 .	Thomas M. Keefe . .	Boston . .	Rev. J. H. Riordan,
	Ellen E. Carroll . . .	Millis . .	Medway.
Sept. 25 .	Thomas J. Horan . .	Millis . .	Rev. D. J. Keleher,
	Mary A. McCarty . .	Millis . .	Medway.
Oct. 9 .	Willard Sampson . .	Boston . .	Rev. H. K. Pervear,
	Lois B. LaCroix . . .	Millis . .	Millis.

DEATHS RECORDED IN MILLIS FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1902.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.	PLACE OF BURIAL.
1902					
Jan. 24 .	Mariam W. Daniels . .	82			Millis.
Jan. 31 .	John Kane			16	Medway.
Feb. 9 .	Catherine Mannix . .	88	4		Medway.
Feb. 10 .	Tryphena M. Swarman .	64	5	4	Millis.
Feb. 24 .	Edward Ryan . . .	78			Franklin.
Feb. 26 .	George N. Couthill . .	77		26	Millis.
Mar. 5 .	Edward Comer . . .	58			Millis.
Mar. 26 .	Michael Walsh . . .	82			Millis.
May 4 .	David James Cassidy .			6	Holliston.
June 13 .	Lawrence McDonnough .	47			Medway.
June 16 .	George E. Anderson . .	70			Laconia, N. H.
July 5 .	Elizabeth Phillips . .	91	1	19	Millis.
July 14 .	Thomas Harding . .	78	5	11	Millis.
July 29 .	Leon S. Fleura . . .		11	28	Medway.
Aug. 13 .	Frances M. Woodward .	62	11	13	Medway.
Aug. 18 .	Laura A. Wilson . .	75	2	4	Norfolk.
Nov. 1 .	John Yale	69	8	12	Forest Hills.
Nov. 18 .	Maria C. Whidden . .	72	1	4	Calais, Me.
Nov. 20 .	Augustus L. Ware . .	64	1	6	Millis.
Nov. 28 .	James H. Thorne . .	73	1	10	Millis.
Dec. 5 .	Mary Cassidy . . .	69			Holliston.
Dec. 9 .	Betsey R. Fisher . .	84	2	26	Millis.

BURIALS RECORDED IN MILLIS.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.	PLACE OF DEATH.
1902					
April 23 .	Stephen B. Smith . .	74	1	21	Somerville.
April 30 .	Harriet A. Morse . .	84		14	Holliston.
June 25 .	Florence J. Mitchell . .	13	10	23	Medford.
Oct. 12 .	Elizabeth Brown . .	86	4	8	Hyde Park.

I herewith submit my report of the receipts and expenditures of the town for the year ending January 31, 1903:—

EVAN F. RICHARDSON, Treasurer,

In account with the TOWN OF MILLIS, MASS.

DR.

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1902 . . .	$ 1,182 69
Receipts in poor department . . .	169 89
" school department . . .	76 66
" incidental department . .	27 25
State of Massachusetts, school fund . .	444 76
" " on account contagious diseases	259 22
State of Massachusetts, corporation tax .	175 38
" " national bank tax .	253 88
" " military aid . .	48 00
" " state aid . .	398 00
" " burial indigent soldiers	70 00
Norfolk county, dog tax	206 87
Dedham National bank, interest . .	7 08
Medway Savings bank, notes . . .	6,400 00
J. C. Thorne, taxes and interest . .	11,836 84
State of Massachusetts, ten notes $750 each .	7,500 00
E. L. Hill, wood	7 00
	$29,063 52

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN MILLIS FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1902.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	BY WHOM AND WHERE MARRIED.
1901			
Nov. 16 .	John F. Ferguson . .	Millis . .	Rev. S. E. Frohock,
	Florence S. Irwin . .	Millis . .	Central Falls, R. I.
1902			
Mar. 6 .	Joseph G. Steele . . .	Franklin .	Rev. Guy W. Miner,
	Isabella H. Irwin . .	Franklin .	Millis.
Mar. 7 .	Richard G. Irwin . .	Millis . .	Rev. J. G. Vose,
	Edith Evelyn Andrews .	Millis . .	Providence, R. I.
Mar. 16 .	L. Osmond Follet . .	Millis . .	Rev. A. H. Wheelock,
	Emily E. Hurd . . .	Millis . .	Millis.
May 17 .	Frank E. Bailey . . .	Medfield . .	Rev. A. H. Wheelock,
	Abbie L. Truell . . .	Sutton, N. H.	Millis.
June 16 .	William B. Cushman .	Millis . .	Rev. J. H. Riley,
	Alice LaForce . . .	Bethlehem, N.H	Bethlehem, N. H.
June 29 .	Napoleon Duhamel . .	Millis . .	Rev. D. J. Keleher,
	Agnes Garity . . .	Millis . .	Medway.
Sept. 4 .	Ernest L. Hill . . .	Millis . .	Rev. A. H. Wheelock,
	Fannie E. Morse . .	Townsend .	Townsend.
Sept. 16 .	Thomas M. Keefe . .	Boston . .	Rev. J. H. Riordan,
	Ellen E. Carroll . . .	Millis . .	Medway.
Sept. 25 .	Thomas J. Horan . .	Millis . .	Rev. D. J. Keleher,
	Mary A. McCarty . .	Millis . .	Medway.
Oct. 9 .	Willard Sampson . .	Boston . .	Rev. H. K. Pervear,
	Lois B. LaCroix . . .	Millis . .	Millis.

DEATHS RECORDED IN MILLIS FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1902.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.	PLACE OF BURIAL.
1902					
Jan. 24 .	Mariam W. Daniels . .	82			Millis.
Jan. 31 .	John Kane			16	Medway.
Feb. 9 .	Catherine Mannix . .	88	4		Medway.
Feb. 10 .	Tryphena M. Swarman .	64	5	4	Millis.
Feb. 24 .	Edward Ryan . . .	78			Franklin.
Feb. 26 .	George N. Couthill . .	77		26	Millis.
Mar. 5 .	Edward Comer . . .	58			Millis.
Mar. 26 .	Michael Walsh . . .	82			Millis.
May 4 .	David James Cassidy .			6	Holliston.
June 13 .	Lawrence McDonnough .	47			Medway.
June 16 .	George E. Anderson . .	70			Laconia, N. H.
July 5 .	Elizabeth Phillips . .	91	1	19	Millis.
July 14 .	Thomas Harding . .	78	5	11	Millis.
July 29 .	Leon S. Fleura . . .		11	28	Medway.
Aug. 13 .	Frances M. Woodward .	62	11	13	Medway.
Aug. 18 .	Laura A. Wilson . .	75	2	4	Norfolk.
Nov. 1 .	John Yale	69	8	12	Forest Hills.
Nov. 18 .	Maria C. Whidden . .	72	1	4	Calais, Me.
Nov. 20 .	Augustus L. Ware . .	64	1	6	Millis.
Nov. 28 .	James H. Thorne . .	73	1	10	Millis.
Dec. 5 .	Mary Cassidy . . .	69			Holliston.
Dec. 9 .	Betsey R. Fisher . .	84	2	26	Millis.

BURIALS RECORDED IN MILLIS.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.	PLACE OF DEATH.
1902					
April 23 .	Stephen B. Smith . .	74	1	21	Somerville.
April 30 .	Harriet A. Morse . .	84		14	Holliston.
June 25 .	Florence J. Mitchell . .	13	10	23	Medford.
Oct. 12 .	Elizabeth Brown . .	86	4	8	Hyde Park.

I herewith submit my report of the receipts and expenditures of the town for the year ending January 31, 1903:—

EVAN F. RICHARDSON, Treasurer,

In account with the TOWN OF MILLIS, MASS.

DR.

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1902 . . .	$ 1,182 69
Receipts in poor department . . .	169 89
" school department . . .	76 66
" incidental department . .	27 25
State of Massachusetts, school fund . .	444 76
" " on account contagious diseases	259 22
State of Massachusetts, corporation tax .	175 38
" " national bank tax .	253 88
" " military aid . .	48 00
" " state aid . .	398 00
" " burial indigent soldiers	70 00
Norfolk county, dog tax	206 87
Dedham National bank, interest . .	7 08
Medway Savings bank, notes . . .	6,400 00
J. C. Thorne, taxes and interest . .	11,836 84
State of Massachusetts, ten notes $750 each .	7,500 00
E. L. Hill, wood	7 00
	$29,063 52

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Selectmen's orders, back bills	$ 200 00	
" smallpox	560 99	
" highways	1,199 55	
" Curve and Union streets	400 00	
Selectmen's orders, incidentals	1027 25	
" snow	299 87	
" state aid	320 00	
" military aid	120 00	
" guide-boards	47 00	
		$ 4,174 66
School Committee's orders	$ 3,826 51	
" " state school fund	678 50	
		4,505 01
Overseers of poor, orders		810 91
Fire commissioners' orders		494 68
Trustees of public library, orders		206 87
Memorial Day committee, "		58 09
Water commissioners' orders, sinking fund		650 00
Tree warden, orders,		25 00
Fire wagon, orders,		300 00
Interest on water bonds		1,200 00
State tax		345 00
County tax		461 50
Corporation tax returned		16 98
Tax deeds		34 56
Tax, Dunston lot		1 70
Debt and interest account		15,742 28
Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1903		36 28
		$29,063 52

Liabilities.

Water bonds due Dec. 1925, at 4 per cent interest	$ 30,000 00
Loan from state of Massachusetts at 4 per cent interest, due as follows:—	
Dec. 1, 1903	750 00

Dec. 1, 1904	$750 00
" 1, 1905	750 00
" 1, 1906	750 00
" 1, 1907	750 00
" 1, 1908	750 00
" 1, 1909	750 00
" 1, 1910	750 00
" 1, 1911	750 00
Note Medway Savings Bank at 4 per cent, due October 31, 1903	400 00

E. F. Richardson, Treasurer.

The foregoing accounts of the treasurer have been examined and found correct.

Edmund F. Lovell, Auditor.

EXPENDITURES UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE SELECTMEN.

Highway Department.

Appropriation for roads and bridges . . $1,200 00

Expenditures.

Centre District.

Paid J. McDonough, labor . . .	$12 00	
S. Huntley, labor . . .	5 63	
Amount carried forward,	$17 63	

Amount brought forward,	$17 63
H. Clark, labor	9 75
H. Crusar, labor	11 63
W. J. Heath, labor	10 88
W. J. Heath, jr., labor	2 25
B. Clark, labor	4 50
E. F. Richardson, labor	75
S. A. Clark, labor	75
J. C. Thorne, team	50 00
J. C. Brown, team	33 00
E. F. Richardson, team	15 00
E. F. Richardson, team	3 00
S. A. Clark, team	2 00
E. F. Richardson, team	1 25
Charles La Croix, team	4 00
Clark Stevens, labor	4 67
James Townsend, team	3 96
Clark Stevens, labor	2 75
J. C. Brown, labor	3 00
J. C. Brown, team	8 00
J. C. Brown, 22 loads gravel	1 10
Harris W. Alden, labor	16 82
T. Maloy, labor	13 50
J. McDonough, labor	15 75
W. J. Heath, labor	7 00
M. Splahan, labor	13 13
H. Caldwell, labor	15 75
A. Marion, labor	14 00
W. Andrews	15 75
J. B. Parker, labor	5 25
J. C. Thorne, team	15 75
H. Clark, labor	1 75
James Townsend, team	4 00
Stanley Clark, team	36 00
E. F. Richardson, team	36 00
Harris W. Alden, team	24 00
Amount carried forward,	$424 32

Amount brought forward,	$424 32	
J. C. Thorne, team . . .	48 00	
J. C. Thorne, team . . .	12 00	
J. C. Thorne, 214 loads of gravel .	10 70	
E. F. Richardson, team . . .	2 00	
J. C. Thorne, team . . .	2 25	
Moses C. Adams, team . . .	10 10	
C. W. Leatherbee, lumber . .	22 22	
J. C. Thorne, drain pipe . . .	17 36	
W. W. Whiting	20 68	
		$569 63

North District.

Paid C. Powell, labor . . .	$ 3 00	
W. H. Thorne, labor . . .	3 50	
Frank Cassidy, team . . .	18 00	
Frank Cassidy, team . . .	14 06	
Lemuel Clark, team . . .	18 00	
Lemuel Clark, labor . . .	7 50	
F. E. Cook, team	14 25	
F. E. Cook, labor . . .	9 33	
Lewis Rogers, labor . . .	6 67	
H. Clark, labor	9 38	
John McDonough, labor . . .	9 38	
W. Fletcher, labor . . .	92	
E. N. Clark, team . . .	3 55	
J. Spellman, labor . . .	4 50	
Mrs. M. Bullard, labor . . .	5 33	
Mrs. M. Bullard, team . . .	5 00	
Frank E. Cassidy, labor . . .	2 75	
S. G. Clark, lumber . . .	4 37	
A. R. Daniels, labor . . .	6 00	
A. R. Daniels, labor . . .	75	
John McDonough, labor . . .	2 48	
Lemuel Clark, team . . .	8 00	
Daniel Dinneen, team . . .	20 00	
F. H. Williams, labor . . .	10 50	
Amounts carried forward,	$187 22	$569 63

Amount brought forward,	$17 63
H. Clark, labor	9 75
H. Crusar, labor	11 63
W. J. Heath, labor	10 88
W. J. Heath, jr., labor	2 25
B. Clark, labor	4 50
E. F. Richardson, labor	75
S. A. Clark, labor	75
J. C. Thorne, team	50 00
J. C. Brown, team	33 00
E. F. Richardson, team	15 00
E. F. Richardson, team	3 00
S. A. Clark, team	2 00
E. F. Richardson, team	1 25
Charles La Croix, team	4 00
Clark Stevens, labor	4 67
James Townsend, team	3 96
Clark Stevens, labor	2 75
J. C. Brown, labor	3 00
J. C. Brown, team	8 00
J. C. Brown, 22 loads gravel	1 10
Harris W. Alden, labor	16 82
T. Maloy, labor	13 50
J. McDonough, labor	15 75
W. J. Heath, labor	7 00
M. Splahan, labor	13 13
H. Caldwell, labor	15 75
A. Marion, labor	14 00
W. Andrews	15 75
J. B. Parker, labor	5 25
J. C. Thorne, team	15 75
H. Clark, labor	1 75
James Townsend, team	4 00
Stanley Clark, team	36 00
E. F. Richardson, team	36 00
Harris W. Alden, team	24 00
Amount carried forward,	$424 32

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J. C. Thorne, team . . .	48 00	
J. C. Thorne, team . . .	12 00	
J. C. Thorne, 214 loads of gravel .	10 70	
E. F. Richardson, team . . .	2 00	
J. C. Thorne, team . . .	2 25	
Moses C. Adams, team . . .	10 10	
C. W. Leatherbee, lumber . .	22 22	
J. C. Thorne, drain pipe . . .	17 36	
W. W. Whiting	20 68	
		$569 63

North District.

Paid C. Powell, labor . . .	$ 3 00	
W. H. Thorne, labor . . .	3 50	
Frank Cassidy, team . . .	18 00	
Frank Cassidy, team . . .	14 06	
Lemuel Clark, team . . .	18 00	
Lemuel Clark, labor . . .	7 50	
F. E. Cook, team	14 25	
F. E. Cook, labor . . .	9 33	
Lewis Rogers, labor . . .	6 67	
H. Clark, labor	9 38	
John McDonough, labor . . .	9 38	
W. Fletcher, labor . . .	92	
E. N. Clark, team . . .	3 55	
J. Spellman, labor . . .	4 50	
Mrs. M. Bullard, labor . . .	5 33	
Mrs. M. Bullard, team . . .	5 00	
Frank E. Cassidy, labor . . .	2 75	
S. G. Clark, lumber . . .	4 37	
A. R. Daniels, labor . . .	6 00	
A. R. Daniels, labor . . .	75	
John McDonough, labor . . .	2 48	
Lemuel Clark, team . . .	8 00	
Daniel Dinneen, team . . .	20 00	
F. H. Williams, labor . . .	10 50	
Amounts carried forward,	$187 22	$569 63

Amounts brought forward,	$187 22	$569 63
F. H. Williams, labor . . .	3 00	
F. H. Williams, team . . .	8 00	
Frank Miller, labor . . .	9 00	
R. Magrath, labor . . .	1 50	
J. Spellman, labor . . .	1 50	
M. Splain, labor	66	
Walter Cook, labor . . .	3 00	
Frank O. Phillips, 49 loads gravel .	2 45	
J. H. Smith, 44 loads gravel . .	2 20	
F. E. Cook, team	21 25	
F. E. Cook, labor	1 75	
F. E. Cook, labor . . .	2 25	
F. E. Cook, 54 loads gravel . .	2 70	
Waldo Brothers, drain pipe . .	13 30	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight .	1 06	
Thorne Brothers, drain pipe . .	1 20	
Lemuel Clark, team . . .	9 87	
F. H. Williams, team . . .	20 90	
B. W. Fuller, nails . . .	37	
		293 18

South District.

Paid Dennis McCarty, team . .	$16 00	
Michael Maguire, labor . . .	6 75	
Antone Brown, labor . . .	6 00	
Martin Ryan, labor . . .	2 75	
David Keefe, labor . . .	2 25	
Patrick Keefe, labor and team . .	8 25	
E. L. Richardson, labor and team .	27 95	
H. E. Hosmer, labor on bridge . .	11 83	
J. C. Brown, labor on bridge . .	9 00	
S. G. Clark, lumber for bridge . .	20 96	
Michael Maguire, labor . . .	12 83	
Antone Brown, labor . . .	12 83	
Patrick Keefe, labor . . .	12 83	
Marshal Ackley, labor . . .	2 25	
Amounts carried forward,	$152 48	$862 81

Amounts brought forward,	$152 48	$862 81
Timothy McCarty, team . .	32 00	
Lewis Simon, 177 loads of gravel .	8 85	
Frank Bram, 52 loads gravel . .	2 60	
William Harrison, labor . .	12 50	
E. L. Richardson, team . . .	32 42	
E. L. Richardson, labor . . .	5 43	
E. L. Richardson, stone and team .	8 11	
Edwin T. Rogers, iron work . .	1 15	
J. H. Shannon, iron work . .	3 90	
H. E. Hosmer, labor on bridge . .	11 75	
Arthur C. Adams, labor on bridge .	4 00	
E. T. Rogers, iron work on bridge .	5 30	
		280 49
Total expended . . .		$1,143 30

GUIDE BOARDS.

Appropriation		$50 00
Paid James Lambert, painting . .	$39 00	
E. E. Adams, lumber and labor . .	8 00	
		47 00
Balance on hand . . .		$3 00

OUTSTANDING BILLS, 1901.

Appropriation		$200 00
Paid J. C. Thorne, printing . .	$ 5 40	
J. C. Thorne, collecting taxes, '91 .	126 08	
Lemuel Clark, labor on highway .	2 89	
Edward LaCroix, repairs on water pipes	4 74	
M. C. Adams, gravel and labor . .	8 55	
J. F. Lealand	12 50	
Freight on lumber . . .	2 35	
J. C. Thorne	37 49	
		$200 00

STATE AID.

Paid Edmund M. Bullen . . .	$72 00	
Amount carried forward,	$72 00	

Amount brought forward,	$72 00	
Sarah L. Fisher	48 00	
George E. Mason	72 00	
Eliza A. Hill	48 00	
Silas Bacon	48 00	
Phœba A. Blake	32 00	
Total paid for state aid . . .		$320 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid Patrick Higgins . . .	$96 00	
Town of Medway, one half aid of J. F. Stratton	24 00	
		$120 00

CURVE AND UNION STREETS.

Appropriation		$400 00
Paid Thomas Maloy . . .	$15 00	
John McDonough . . .	26 25	
Walter Andrews . . .	3 50	
H. Caldwell	28 00	
A. Marion	9 63	
J. B. Parker	15 75	
W. J. Heath	22 63	
J. C. Thorne	28 00	
Mike Splahan	11 25	
Fred Caldwell	18 38	
L. O. Follett	6 34	
Henry Clark	20 13	
Clark Stevens	17 50	
Herbert Frink	3 50	
J. C. Thorne	96 00	
Stanley A. Clark	34 00	
E. F. Richardson . . .	34 00	
J. C. Thorne, drain pipe . .	10 14	
Total		$400 00

Snow Bills.

Appropriation		$300 00
Paid Fred H. Williams	$18 30	
Daniel Dinneen	9 18	
James Dinneen	1 50	
Thomas Dinneen	6 75	
Charles Dinneen	4 50	
Daniel F. Dinneen	1 50	
James Spellman	4 50	
Clinton Greenough	99	
Frank Cassidy	21 39	
L. F. Rogers	2 80	
Dennis McCarty and son	11 45	
Elmer L. Richardson	8 34	
E. F. Lovell	1 50	
W. H. Thorne	6 75	
Oliver L. Tebo	3 00	
Brenton Clark	6 75	
Henry Clark	6 75	
Arthur Albee	6 75	
T. McMahan	2 25	
John McDonough	6 00	
W. J. Heath	6 00	
W. J. Heath, jr.	2 25	
J. C. Thorne	6 75	
E. F. Richardson	14 00	
J. C. Thorne, roads and sidewalks	74 00	
Charles Messom	75	
Clark Stevens	75	
Lemuel Clark	11 78	
M. Murphy	5 25	
Patrick Keefe	2 67	
M. Finklestein	50	
M. Maguire	1 67	
Borris Thorner	85	
Amount carried forward,	$258 17	

Amount brought forward,	$258 17	
S. Burnsteine	1 50	
J. H. Shannon, repair on snow plow .	4 20	
Thorne Bros.	24 50	
Frank Cassidy	7 00	
J. Spellman	1 50	
Frank Miller	1 50	
Walter Butman . . .	1 50	
Total expended . . .		$299 87

SMALLPOX BILLS.

Appropriation		$500 00
Received from state on account of Michael Walsh		$259 22
Paid for Michael Walsh:—		
E. F. Lovell, fumigating tramp house .	$15 00	
George M. Hanks, drugs . . .	24 88	
E. Bullard, meat	3 12	
Sanford Bros., bedding . . .	10 40	
Oliver White & Co., wire screen .	3 25	
Moses C. Adams, supplies . .	2 48	
Dr. G. A. Martin, specialist . .	15 00	
E. C. Crocker, clothing . . .	4 12	
Dr. Arthur Mitchell . . .	70 00	
Charles Spencer, nurse . . .	60 00	
Charles Spencer, bedding . .	3 50	
Evan F. Richardson, burial expenses .	21 00	
J. Herbert Barker, messenger . .	18 40	
B. W. Fuller, groceries . . .	23 86	
E. F. Lovell, fumigating pest-house .	5 00	
Frank R. Clark, dry goods . .	1 67	
J. H. Shannon, stove, etc. . .	13 50	
G. G. Hoff, wagon . . .	5 00	
G. M. Hanks, drugs, . . .	5 05	
Thorne Bros., coal and services . .	12 58	
William Morly, rent of pest-house .	25 00	
Amount carried forward,	$342 81	

Amount brought forward,	$342 81	
Moses C. Adams, services and expenses	20 00	
		$362 81
Paid for Charles Spencer:—		
M. Murrough, nurse . . .	$90 00	
People's Combination Clothing Co., clothing for nurse . . .	3 00	
Clothing for Charles Spencer . .	10 98	
Dr. Arthur Mitchell . . .	40 00	
John H. Ingraham, finding nurse .	2 50	
George E. Holbrook, messenger . .	44 07	
William M. Hoar, groceries . .	7 63	
		$198 18
Total expenditures . . .		$560 99
Total receipts		$759 22
Total expenditures		560 99
Unexpended balance . . .		$198 23

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Appropriation		$1,000 00
From Commonwealth of Massachusetts, half salary cattle inspector		$25 25
Pool license		2 00
		$1,027 25
Paid Stillman J. Spear, printing caucus notices, etc.	$ 1 75	
E. F. Lovell, services as auditor .	25 00	
E. F. Lovell, express on town report .	40	
G. G. Hoff, heating office . .	10 00	
G. M. Billings, printing town reports .	66 70	
Moses C. Adams, inspecting meats .	5 00	
Moses C. Adams, inspecting cattle .	50 50	
S. J. Spear, printing ballots . .	10 50	
Amount carried forward,	$169 85	

Amount brought forward,	$169 85
Louis LaCroix, voting shelf . .	6 25
G. M. Billings, printing . . .	1 00
Thomas Groom & Co., books for assessors	3 75
H. S. Partridge, specifications . .	2 50
S. J. Spear, printing . . .	1 25
W. H. Thorne, care of tramp . .	2 00
A. A. Brown, care of tramp and supplies	4 13
Dr. C. F. Hamlin . . .	1 50
W. H. Thorne, special police . .	5 00
J. C. Thorne, district court expenses .	24 23
Samuel Huntley, repairs on scraper shed	50
H. E. Hosmer, repairs on scraper shed door	1 09
M. C. Adams, hinges, scraper shed door	50
H. T. Richardson, services . .	61 97
W. P. Clark, services . . .	1 00
John Cribbie, expenses criminal court .	5 48
Grange Hall Association, rent . .	50 00
J. C. Thorne, printing warrants and tax bills	10 40
W. M. Hoar, office supplies . .	1 30
Fred H. Holland, services as overseer .	15 00
H. H. Thorne, services as overseer .	50 00
Fred Swarman	20 00
W. P. Clark, assessor . . .	42 00
M. C. Adams, assessor . . .	32 50
Louis LaCroix, assessor and town clerk	70 00
Louis LaCroix, fees for physicians and undertaker	8 50
Louis LaCroix, collecting and recording deaths, births and marriages . .	16 40
Louis LaCroix, postage, express and office supplies	5 02
W. H. Thorne, court fines . .	16 69
J. C. Thorne, constable and special police	53 70
	$683 51

Amount brought forward,	$683 51	
S. H. Frink, care town office . .	13 00	
George C. Slayton . . .	51	
J. H. Shannon, repairs on shed door .	3 45	
J. C. Thorne, court fines . . .	52 88	
John H. Ingraham, selectman . .	50 00	
J. H. Shannon, selectman . .	50 00	
M. C. Adams, selectman . . .	50 00	
E. F. Richardson, treasurer . .	100 00	
E. F. Richardson, stationery and stamps	18 40	
E. F. Richardson, sealing milk bottles .	5 50	
		$1,027 25

List of Jurors To Be Presented to the Town of Millis for Acceptance, March 2, 1903.

J. Warren Clark, retired,
Francis H. Daniels, farmer,
George F. Holbrook, laborer,
Fred H. Holland, jr., farmer,
Edward J. Keith, grocer,
~~Horace M. Cushman, bottler~~,
Edmund F. Lovell, painter,
William D. Rowell, barber.
Frank R. Clark, dry goods dealer,
Geo. C. Thrasher, wood dealer,
Asahel F. Lovell, retired,
Herbert H. Thorne, grain dealer,
Jeremiah Gannon, shoe worker,
Marcellus A. Ware, organ pipe manufacturer,

Moses C. Adams,
Jeremiah H. Shannon,
John H. Ingraham,
Selectmen of Millis.

Millis, February 7, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Apropriation	$1,000 00	
Sons of T. G. Welch . . .	118 50	
Town of Holliston . . .	39 25	
W. P. Clark, guardian . . .	12 14	
		$1,169 89

EXPENDITURES.

T. G. WELCH AND FAMILY.

Paid B. W. Fuller, groceries . .	$35 00	
Estate of R. A. Battelle, rent .	28 00	
G. C. Thrasher, wood . .	12 00	
Cash	5 00	
Dr. Arthur Mitchell, medical attendance . . .	1 50	
J. C. Brown, milk . . .	1 02	
W. M. Hoar, groceries . .	75	
		$83 27

T. G. WELCH.

Paid G. W. Woolvett, board	71 03
Amount carried forward,	$154 30

Amount brought forward,		$154 30
MRS. T. G. WELCH AND CHILDREN.		
Paid cash		24 00
MRS. GEORGE MORLEY.		
Paid Alfred Hall, board		104 23
MRS. L. B. SMITH (HOLLISTON).		
Paid Thorne Bros., coal and wood .	$37 00	
G. C. Thrasher, wood . .	1 25	
		38 25
MRS. MARY M'CORMACK.		
Paid W. M. Hoar, groceries . .	$12 59	
J. C. Thorne, rent . . .	12 00	
Thorne Bros., coal . . .	7 00	
		31 59
MARIAN W. DANIELS.		
Paid Westborough Insane Hospital . . .		12 14
LIZZIE M. ELWELL.		
Paid Westborough Insane Hospital . . .		169 46
MRS. DELIA GUEPPENER.		
Paid Town of Wellesley, aid		101 14
JAMES SPELLMAN.		
Paid B. W. Fuller, boots		2 50
CHARLES PARISH AND FAMILY.		
Paid Town of Franklin, aid		84 49
TRAMP ACCOUNT.		
Paid Thomas Harding, care 82 tramps	$8 20	
Thomas Harding, labor . .	2 80	
Thorne Bros., wood . .	1 25	
		12 25
INCIDENTALS.		
Paid H. T. Richardson, legal services .	$40 00	
Henry Shaw, services . .	22 36	
H. H. Thorne, expenses . .	9 20	
Fred Swarman, expenses . .	5 00	
		76 56
		$810 91

SUMMARY.

Persons aided in town	$316 62	
Persons aided in other towns	185 63	
Persons aided belonging to other towns	38 25	
Insane	181 60	
Tramps	12 25	
Incidentals	76 56	
		$810 91
Total receipts		$1,169 89
Total expenditures		810 91
Balance		$358 98

HERBERT H. THORNE,
F. SWARMAN,
F. H. HOLLAND, JR.,
Overseers of the Poor.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1902.

DR.

To warrant	$13,047 85	
Interest	9 90	
		$13,057 75

CR.

By amount paid treasurer	$11,836 84	
Re-assessments	1,118 60	
Abatements, 1902	102 31	
		$13,057 75

Respectfully submitted,

J. CLARENCE THORNE,
Collector.

Millis, Feb. 7, 1903.

Engineers Report of Fire Department

For Year Ending January 31, 1903.

Fires During 1902.

Feb. 24.—Poolroom at East Millis.
May 17.—Wood land of Louis Chamberlain.
Oct. 14.—Black swamp.

Bills Approved in 1902.

Rockville Engine Co., pay roll	$ 79 50
Niagara Engine Co., pay roll	231 00
I. R. Clark, labor	50
A. M. Waite, rent at Rockville	14 00
L. E. Sawyer, labor and supplies	12 15
Scrannage Bros., supplies	27 50
Fred A. Hartshorn, supplies and labor	5 99
Boston Woven Hose and Rubber Co., supplies	8 00
W. P. Frink, labor,	27 25
Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies	7 66
Adams Express Co.	1 10
J. C. Thorne	10 00
W. M. Hoar, supplies	4 61
Medfield Electric Light Co.	8 42
E. L. Lord, insurance	6 00
Thorne Bros.	27 00
Amount carried forward,	$470 68

Amount brought forward,	$470 68	
Charles LaCroix, engineer for 1902 .	12 00	
W. W. Whiting, engineer for 1902 .	12 00	
		$494 68
Town appropriation		$500 00
Expended		494 68
Unexpended balance		$5 32

CHARLES LACROIX,
WESLEY W. WHITING,
JOHN H. INGRAHAM,
Fire Engineers.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN.

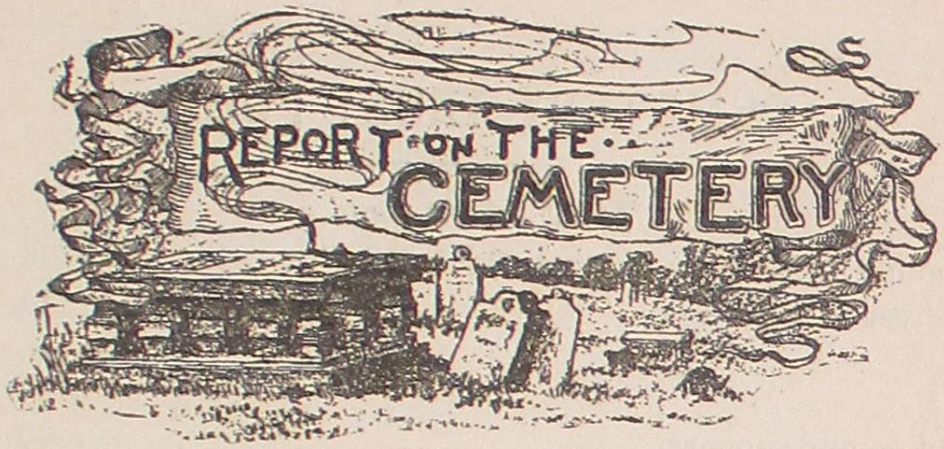
The appropriation made at the last annual meeting for use of the tree warden has been used as shown in annexed financial statement. At request of the selectmen, trees were purchased for, and a part of them set on Curve street. Many of the trees trimmed this year had received but little pruning since they were set twenty years ago. After this, if a little is done each year, they can be kept in better shape.

I would recommend an appropriation of $15 for use of tree warden for 1903.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Grant		$25 00
Expended:—		
Mrs. Marion J. D. Bullard, maple trees .	$10 00	
H. Caldwell & Son, labor . .	3 00	
L. LaCroix, labor and team . .	12 00	
		$25 00

LOUIS LACROIX,
Tree Warden.



To January 31, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Received from M. C. Adams, interest on fund .		$30 08

EXPENDITURES.

May,	Paid S. A. Clark . . .	$11 50	
"	Henry Clark . . .	5 25	
"	Thomas Malloy . .	7 10	
Sept.,	Thomas Malloy . .	3 00	
			$26 85
Unexpended balance in treasury . . .			$3 23

Received for sale of lots:—

Estate of G. N. Couthill $12, which is now in the hands of Charles LaCroix.

For the commissioners,

STANLEY A. CLARK.

CEMETERY TRUST FUND.

Mary Adams Fund.

Amount in Medway Savings Bank Feb. 1, 1902	$768 84
Interest to June 1	15 24
	$784 08
Paid commissioners	30 08
	$754 00
Interest to December, 1, 1902 . . .	13 20
Balance Feb. 1, 1903	$767 20

Mary B. Lovell Fund.

Amount in Savings Bank Feb. 1, 1902 . .	$323 20
Interest to Dec. 1, 1902	12 22
	$335 42
Paid E. F. Richardson	9 64
Balance Feb. 1, 1903	$325 78

MOSES C. ADAMS,
JEREMIAH H. SHANNON,
JOHN H. INGRAHAM,
Selectmen of Millis.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

To the Citizens of Millis.

The following is the amount of sinking fund:—

Dedham Institution for Savings	$1,000 00	
Medway Savings Bank	930 24	
Newton Savings Bank	1,000 00	
Natick Savings Bank	1,000 00	
Home Savings Bank of Boston	600 00	
Millis Savings Bank	19 76	
Milford Savings Bank	650 00	
		$5,200 00

Interest on Deposits to January 1, 1902.

Interest in Dedham Bank	$183 32	
" Medway "	201 17	
" Newton "	110 82	
" Natick "	47 80	
		$543 11

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Adams,
Chas. LaCroix,
W. W. Whiting.

W. W. Whiting, Water Register,

In account with the Town of Millis Water Department.

Dr.

Cash on hand January 31, 1902	$156 60
Town appropriation for sinking fund	650 00
Water rents first quarter	316 15
" second "	326 01
" third "	392 43
" fourth "	366 95
	$2,208 14

Cr.

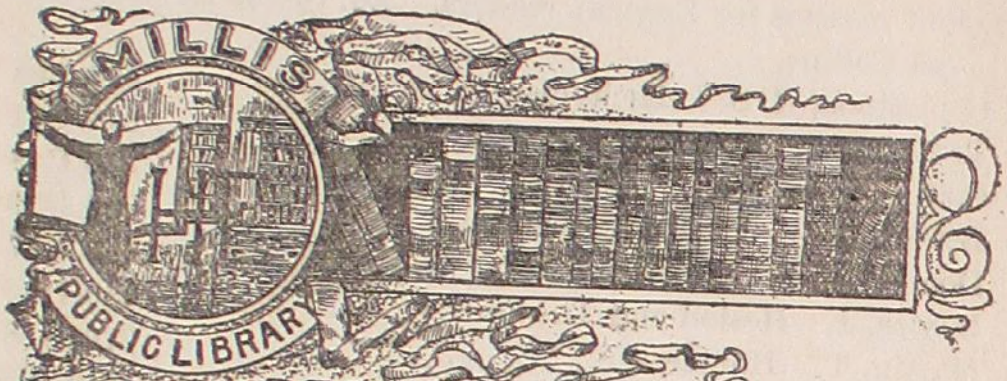
J. S. Adams, engineer	$624 00
Thorne Bros., coal and carting	541 65
Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies	42 19
George C. Thrasher, wood	52 12
W. M. Hoar, supplies	7 95
Kimball, Harrington & Osborne, oil	5 00
Sumner & Goodwin Company, supplies	2 58
E. LaCroix, labor and supplies	34 70
A. C. Adams, labor	2 22
Water register's salary	50 00
Sinking fund deposited	650 00
Water register, supplies	15 61
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight	50
Adams Express Co.	40
J. E. Lonergan & Co., coal	24 71
	$2,053 63

Recapitulation.

Receipts	$2,208 14
Expenditures	2,053 63
Balance	$154 51

I have examined the accounts of the water register and found them correct.

Edmund F. Lovell, Auditor.



REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1901	$ 6 56	
Fines and sales of catalogues	12 80	
Dog licenses refunded	206 87	
		$226 23

EXPENDITURES.

Paid DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books	$73 55	
A. H. H. Warren, binding	32 70	
Mrs. A. McDonnough, librarian	51 20	
Henry D. Noyes & Co., magazines	20 00	
W. P. Clark, insurance	17 50	
W. M. Hoar, oil	6 65	
Balch Brothers, books	8 00	
G. M. Billings, printing	4 00	
C. F. Hood, repairing chair	1 00	
History of Dover	1 50	
Express and freight	3 00	
Balance	7 13	
		$226 23

HERBERT H. THORNE,
Treasurer of Board of Trustees.

LIST OF RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE MILLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Amicis, E. De. On blue water . . . 910.4 A5
Ancient classics for English readers. Ed. by the Rev. W. Lucas Collins.
Coplestone, R. S. Æschylus . . . 880 Ae8
Trollope, A. Cæsar 870 C11
Collins, Rev. W. L. Cicero . . . 870 C48
Brodribb, W. J. Demosthenes . . . 880 D39
Donne, W. B. Euripides . . . 880 Eu7
Davies, J. Hesiod and Theognis . . 880 H46
Martin, T. Horace 870 H78
Walford, E. Juvenal 870 J98
Collins, W. L. Livy 870 L76
Collins, W. L. Lucian 880 L96
Mallock, W. H. Lucretius . . . 870 C96
Church, A. Ovid . . . . 870 Ov 4
Morice, F. D. Pindar 880 P65
Collins, W. L. Plautus and Terence . . 870 P69
Donne, W. B. Tacitus 870 T11
Collins, W. L. Thucydides . . . 880 T42
Austin, H., editor. Story of government . 320 Au7
Baker, R. S. Our new prosperity . . 330 B17
Bandelier, A. F. The gilded man, etc. . . 972 B22
Bangs, J. K. The booming of Acre Hill . B221-1
Banks, N. H. Oldfield B225
Barnes, J. A Princetonian . . . B265
Barr, R. Jennie Baxter, journalist . . B2718
Basset, Mary E. S. Judith's garden . . B 297
Berthet, E. Catacombs of Paris . . . B 467
Blanchan, N. Birds that hunt and are hunted . 598.2 B59-1
Bloch, J. De. The future of war . . . 172 B62
Boyesen, H. H. Vagabond tales . . . B693-1
Briggs, H. M. By tangled paths . . . 910 B76
Brightwen, Mrs. Inmates of my house and garden 590 B76
Brown, A. King's End B798-3
Brown, Capt. T. Taxidermist's manual . . 579.4 B81
Browne, P. A year's cookery . . . 641 B81

Bullock, S. F. The Barrys . . . B875
Calkins, F. W. The cougar tamer . . C129
Carrel, F. Progress of Pauline Kessler . . C233
Catherwood, M. H. Queen of the swamp . C28-4
Chaucer. Selections from the Canterbury tales . 821 C39-1
Chesnutt, C. W. Wife of his youth, etc. . . C426
—Marrow of tradition C426-1
Clarke, J. F. Memorial and biographical sketches 920 C55
Colomb, Madame C. Hermine's triumphs . C717
Conway, Sir M-M. With ski and sledge over Arctic glaciers 919.8 C76
Crawford, F. M. Adam Johnstone's son . . C85-24
—Marietta, a maid of Venice . . . C85-25
Creelman, J. On the great highway . . 910 C86
Creevey, C. A. Recreations in botany . . 580 C86
Davis, R. H. Ranson's folly . . . D293-3
DeForest, J. W. A lover's revolt . . . D364
Douglas, G. House with the green shutters . D747
Doyle, A. C. Hound of the Baskervilles . . D77-9
Drake, S. A. Border wars of New England . 974 D78
Fergusson, J. A history of architecture in all countries 720 F38
Fisher, M. M. Autobiography of . . . 92 F535
Flint, G. Marching with Gomez . . . 917.29 F64
Foote, M. H. Desert and the sown . . F736-1
Ford, G. 'Postle farm F749
Foreign classics for English readers. Ed. by Mrs. Oliphant. Cervantes 860 C33
—Corneille 840 C81
—Madame De Sevigne 840 Se8
—La Fontaine 840 L13
—Goethe 830 G55
—Moliere 840 M73
—Petrarch 850 P44
—Rabelais 840 R11
—Rousseau 840 R76
—Schiller 830 Sch3
—St. Simon 840 Sa2
—Tasso 850 T18

Foster, D. Scientific angler . . . 799 F81
Franklin, S. R. Memories of a rear admiral . 92 F853
Gibson, C. D. My lady and Allan Darke . . G358
Gilman, B. Back to the soil . . . G42
Grant, R. Opinions of a philosopher . . G765-2
—Search-light letters 170 G765
Gras, F. The Reds of the Midi . . . G768-1
—The terror. A romance of the French revolution G768
Habberton, J. Caleb Wright. Story of the west H11
Hale, E. E. and E. E. Jun. Franklin in France . 92 F85-1
Hale, L. P., ed. Art needlework . . . 746 H13
Hall, T. W. Heroes of our revolution . . 973.3 H14
—Tales H145
Hall, Violette. Chanticleer. A pastoral romance H146
Harland, M. Common sense in the household . 641 T27
Harris, J. C. Tales of the home folks in peace and war H242-4
Hegan, A. C. Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch H363
Henderson, M. F. Diet for the sick . . 613.2 H38
Henty, G. A. and "others." Peril and prowess . H391
—Dash and daring H391-1
Hill, J. W. Management and diseases of the dog 619 H55
Hill, F. S. Twenty years at sea . . . 910.4 H55
Holley, M. Samantha in Europe . . . 817 H72
Hood, T. Whims and waifs . . . 827 H76
Hooker, L. The Africanders . . . 968 H76
Hume, F. The lady from nowhere . . H883
Husted, M. H. Stories of Indian children . 970.1 H96
Hyne, C. Through Arctic Lapland . . 914.71 H99
Ingersoll, E. Birds-nesting . . . 598.2 In43
—Wild life of orchard and field . . . 590 In4
Ireland, H. A green mariner . . . Ir24
Jackson, J. N. A winter holiday in summer lands 917-2 J 13
Jameson, E. O. The Jamesons in America . 929 J23
Johnson, C. Isle of the Shamrock . . 914-15 J63
—Along French byways 914-4 J63
Johnston, M. Audrey J645-2
Jokai, M. Lion of Janina, a Turkish novel . J67

Jones, A. D., tr. History of South America . 980 J71
Kelley, J. D. J. The ship's company, and other sea people 910-4 K28
Kennedy, W. Beasts; thumb-nail studies in pets 590 K38
Kingston, W.H.G. and Frith, H. Notable voyagers, from Columbus to Nordenskiold . . 910-4 K616
Knox, T. W. The boy travelers in the Levant . 915-6 K77
—Hunters three. Adventure in South Africa . 916-8 K77
Kropotkin, P. Memoirs of a Revolutionist . 92 K92
Lamb, C. and M. Poetry for children . . 821 L162
Lawton, W. C. New England poets . . 810 L44
Lees, J. A. Peaks and pines; Another Norway book 914-81 L518
Lorimer, G. H. Letters from a self-made merchant to his son 170 L89
Lusk, H. H. Our foes at home . . . 330 L978
Lyall, E. The hinderers; a story of the present time B343-7
Lyde, L. W., ed. Age of Blake . . . 942 L98
Mackie, P. B. Washingtonians . . . M21-1
Maclaren, Ian. Afterwards, and other stories . W333-1
Magnay, Sir W. The red chancellor . . M275
Malleson, Col. G. B. The refounding of the German Empire 943 M29
Mann, R. Prelude and the play . . . M318
Maupassant, Guy de. The odd number. Thirteen tales M44
Merriam, F. A. A-birding on a broncho . . 598-2 M55
Merriman, H. S. The isle of unrest . . M55-2
Mitchell, S. W. Circumstance . . . M 694-4
Mitford, B. The gunrunner. A tale of Zululand M697
Moffet, C. True detective stories . . . M723
Moore, F. F. The Jessamy bride . . . M783
Moore, J. W. Picturesque Washington . . 917-53 M78
Newcomb, S. Astronomy 520 N431
Nicoll, Rev. W. The church's one foundation . 232 N543
Otis, J. Larry Hudson's ambition . . Ot41-4
Ottolengui, R. Final proof of the value of evidence Ot85

Paterson, A. For freedom's sake . . . P277
Pendleton, L. King Tom and the runaways . P-372
Phillips, W. Speeches, lectures, and letters . 815 P54
Pool, M. L. Mrs. Gerald P78-5
Poor, A. B. Boston neighbors in town and out . P797
Pritchard, K. H. A modern mercenary . . P937
Ralph, J. Dixie, or Southern scenes and sketches 917-5 R137
Rayner, E. Free to serve. Tale of Colonial New York R213
Richards, L. E. Mrs. Tree . . . R39-2
Roberts, C. D. G. History of Canada . . 971 R54
—Around the campfire R539.1
Rohlfs, (Green) A. K. Agatha Webb . . R635-2
Ronald, M. Century cook book . . . 641 R66
Russan, A. and Boyle, F. The orchid seekers. A story of adventure R898
Russell, W. C. Rose Island. Strange story of love at sea R91-18
Russell. Collections and recollections . . 92 R912
—An onlooker's note-book 92 R912-1
Sanders, L. C. Life of Viscount Palmerston . 92 P183
Sands, B. F. From reefer to rear admiral . 92 Sa53
Saxe, J. G. Poems 811 Sa9
Schultz, J. Madeline's rescue . . . Sch87
Scott, D. H. Introduction to structural botany . 580 Sco8
Seawell, M. E. Through thick and thin, and the midshipmen's mess Se19
Sedgwick, A. D. The rescue . . . Se27
Shaw, A. M. The coast of freedom . . Sh28
Smith, F. History of Dover, Mass. . . 974.47 Sm9
Smyth, N. Through science to faith . . 239 Sm9
Sonnichsen, A. Ten months a captive among the Filipinos 919-14 So57
Stables, G. For cross or crescent . . St12-3
Steel, F. A. In the tide-way . . . St3-3
Steevens, G. W. Things seen. Impressions of men, cities and books 824 St3
Stockton, F. R. The vizier of the two-horned Alexander St6-8

—A bicycle of Cathay	St6-9
Sykes, J. F. J. Public health problems . .	614 Sy4
Terhune, A. P. Syria from the saddle . .	913-9 T27
Thompson, M. Stories of the Cherokee hills .	T37-2
Thwaites, R. G. Afloat on the Ohio . .	917-7 T42
Train, G. F. My life in many states and in foreign lands	92 T68
Trowbridge, J. T. Martin Merrivale . .	T752-11
Vaux, C. B. Canoe handling . . .	797 V46
Wagner, C. The simple life . . .	844 W12
Warner, C. D. Saunterings . . .	914 W24
Wharton, A. H. Salons, colonial and republican	973 W555
Whipple, E. P. The literature of the age of Elizabeth	814 W57-2
—American literature and other papers . .	814 W57-1
White, E. O. A lover of truth . . .	W58-1
White, M. How to make baskets . . .	680 W58
Wilson, A. Glimpses of nature . . .	500 W69

A. H. Wheelock,
Louis LaCroix,
Herbert H. Thorne,
Library Committee.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

We respectfully submit the following report.

In accordance with a vote passed at the last annual town meeting, the school committee joined with the committees of the towns of Westwood and Norfolk, and on last April formed a school union for the employment of a skilled superintendent of schools.

From a selection of about fifty candidates, Mr. M. J. West of North Easton was given a unanimous election, and commenced his duties last September. Mr. West is a man of more than 20 years of varied experience in educational work, having spent part of that time as instructor in a state normal school.

The salary of the superintendent is $1500 yearly, and the state reimburses the towns forming such union $1250. The difference of $250 is equally divided among the three towns, making the net cost to each town $83.33⅓ per year. Each town is also entitled to one-third of the superintendent's time which is by far a much larger share than we have ever experienced before, and we believe that as time advances the schools will show the benefit of his experience and supervision.

High School.

During the fall it was brought to the attention of the school committee by the state board of education that, due to a recent law enacted for the benefit of high school education in small towns, it would be best to make some change in our high and grammar schools. The town had a choice of two methods, in either of which the state would materially help in paying the bills. First, the discontinuance of all high school work, sending the high school pupils to approved high schools outside, the state paying the tuition; or second, the increasing of the high school work to a four-year course, em-

ploying two teachers for that grade of work, the state contributing $300 yearly.

For many reasons it seemed wise to adopt the latter method. Accordingly the heating facilities were placed in the tower room and an assistant employed at the commencement of the winter term.

Ellice School.

An assistant teacher was employed in Ellice school at the beginning of the winter term, in order to do more thorough work for the large number of pupils in that school, and to accommodate two additional years of school work, and thus relieve the parents of the burden of transportation to Adams school.

If the town had not quite recently voted directly against transportation, the school committee would have saved the expense of this additional teacher by paying the transportation of the Rockville scholars. However, this would have been unfair to the pupils above the fifth grade coming from the other parts of the town who have to furnish their own transportation.

We believe it would be in the interest of higher education if the town paid the transportation of all scholars living a stated distance away from the schools, who are required by the state to attend school until 15 years of age. The sum thus required for transportation would probably not exceed $6 per week.

In closing, we cordially invite a close inspection of the financial report and a careful thought of all matters referring to the good of our schools. It is our opinion that an appropriation of $4250 will be sufficient to defray all school expenses for the coming year.

Statistics.

Number of pupils enrolled in the school registers, September 1, 1902	239
Number enrolled, January 31, 1903	252
Number enrolled over fifteen years of age, September 1, 1902	17
Membership January 31, 1903	226

Number of children in the town, September 1, 1902, between the ages of five and fifteen . . . 226

Number of children in the town, September 1, 1902, between the ages of seven and fourteen . . 168

*Roll of Honor.

[The registers of the winter and spring terms not being on file, only the Roll of Honor for the fall term can be given.]

Room 1.—Lena Caldwell, Edna Slayton, Laura Thrasher, Joyce Windram.

Room 2.—Lottie Adams, Ruth Blair, Mary Martinson, Herbert L. Morrill, Dennis Murphy, Carl Olson.

Room 3.—Willard E. Adams, †Bertha Cook, Earl R. K. Daniels, Rose Gannon, Julia Murphy, Edith F. Richardson, Lawrence Tiernan, William T. Tiernan, Teresa N. Toner, Bertha L. Wheeler.

Room 4.—Beryle Brown, Merle A. Brown, Hazel M. Harding, Walter W. Hoar, Moses R. Lovell, †James R. Madden, Edmund L. Newcombe, Agnes W. Olson, Willard D. Roach, Irene F. Simmons, Pierce A. Smith, Harry J. Trainor, Eva M. Willard.

Ellice School.—Harold Henderson, Carl Simmons.

Receipts for Schools.

Annual grant	$3,500 00
Appropriation for superintendent . . .	250 00
City of Boston, tuition of city children . .	60 50
State of Massachusetts, tuition of state children .	15 00
Books and supplies	1 16
	$3,826 66

Expenditures for Schools.

Paid Mrs. S. L. Fisher, City of Boston, high school tuition	$ 20 00
D. H. Whipple, superintendent and principal .	130 00
Amount carried forward,	$150 00

*Neither absence nor tardiness.

†Lost one day because the school barge did not run.

Amount brought forward,	$150 00
Miss Lillian E. Schaller	396 00
Mrs. Elsie C. Newcombe	284 00
Miss Susie O. Newhouse	290 00
Miss Sarah F. Holbrook	272 00
Miss Lillian Offutt	301 13
Miss Alice E. Fraher	20 00
Miss J. Therese De Lay	224 00
Miss Annie L. Beard	8 00
Miss Marguerite Litchfield	88 00
Miss Marguerite Pierce	108 00
M. J. West, superintendent	250 00
	$2,371 13

TRANSPORTATION.

Paid Lemuel Clark	$349 80

CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Paid S. H. Frink	$338 19
Miss Alice E. Fraher	2 00
Miss J. Therese De Lay	33 00
	$373 19

FUEL.

Paid Thorne Bros., coal	$271 85
G. C. Thrasher, wood	3 00
G. C. Tingley, wood	7 75
E. F. Richardson, wood	39 50
	$322 10

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid Thompson, Brown & Co.	$ 3 00
J. L. Hammett Co.	31 84
Prang Educational Co.	10 08
Masury, Young & Co.	19 50
The Beale Press	3 25
Amount carried forward,	$67 67

Amount brought forward,	$67 67
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	2 04
D. C. Heath	2 92
E. E. Babb & Co.	22 12
Silver, Burdett & Co.	1 35
Allyn & Bacon	4 79
Maynard, Merrill & Co.	1 92
	$102 81

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Grange Hall Association, rent	$100 00
D. H. Whipple, express, etc.	6 80
E. L. Richardson, repairs	4 75
E. F. Lovell, painting	17 81
G. M. Billings, printing	4 50
G. G. Hoff, express	1 30
L. A. Mann, labor	20 90
S. G. Clark, lumber	4 43
William H. Upton, repairing clock	2 00
W. M. Hoar, sundries	4 25
Chandler Adj. Chair Co.	17 10
C. E. Draper, labor	6 25
E. F. Richardson, labor and expenses	11 66
W. H. Thorne, truant officer	5 00
M. J. West, express, etc.	4 92
Miss L. E. Schaller, expenses	6 99
E. F. Richardson	20 00
F. E. Cook	20 00
E. L. Richardson	20 00
W. P. Clark, insurance	8 82
	$287 48

STATE SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNT.

Received income state school fund, 1902	$444 76
Unexpended balance of state school fund, 1901	233 74
	$678 50

TEACHING.

Paid Miss Lillian E. Schaller	$105 00
Miss Marguerite Pierce	71 00
Mrs. Elsie C. Newcombe	70 00
Miss Susie O. Newhouse	70 00
Miss Sarah F. Holbrook	70 00
Miss Lillian Offutt	52 87
Miss J. Therese De Lay	45 00
Miss Jane A. Manter	24 00
Miss Sara A. Thompson	32 00
	$539 87

TRANSPORTATION.

Paid Lemuel Clark	$44 00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid Ginn & Co.	$37 93
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	6 43
E. E. Babb & Co.	27 78
Allyn & Bacon	5 21
American Book Co.	17 28
	$94 63
Total	$678 50

SUMMARY.

Amount paid for teaching	$2,911 00
" " tuition	20 00
" " transportation	393 80
" " care of houses	373 19
" " fuel	322 10
" " books and supplies	197 44
" " incidentals	287 48
Total	$4,505 01

Total receipts	$4,505 16
Total expenditures	4,505 01
Unexpended balance . .	$ 15

E. F. Richardson,
F. E. Cook,
E. L. Richardson,
School Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Millis:—

The superintendent of schools hereby submits his report for the year 1902, it being his first annual report.

The period during which he has been connected with your schools has been so short, that an extended, or critical report is an impossibility, which if attempted would indicate undue haste, and presumption, in assuming to pass judgment upon matters that necessarily require much time to test, and prove expedient or inexpedient, right or wrong.

As time passes, whatever of good we find in our schools should be carefully preserved, improved and established.

Again, if the test of time shows, that in our best judgment, we are holding to elements of weakness, it becomes an imperative duty to remove the cause quietly, without the danger of sudden revolution, but firmly, with the best interest of our children, and humanity at heart.

Much of the time has been used in becoming acquainted with conditions as they are, with teachers and pupils, and with such of the parents as I have been able to meet. In this direction fair results have been secured, and the knowledge derived will be used conscientiously for the welfare of the schools, which is the first thought of your superintendent.

To secure the best service and results, he must be a constant source of help and inspiration to the teachers, and the

teachers must honestly and earnestly, loyally and faithfully endeavor to carry forward his suggestions and plans.

School committee and superintendent should be in harmonious touch, and mutual sympathy for the purposes of each should prevail. Even with all these conditions favorable, the best plans must come to naught, or at the most be but partially beneficial, if back of all, there is lacking co-operation of parents and other citizens. If these would rise to a whole-souled, conscientious spirit, laying aside all carping and misguided criticism, due to a lack of true knowledge of things, there would be much less waste of money, and much less of lifelong loss and damage to those whose happiness and characters we hold in trust.

It plainly becomes the duty of the superintendent to discover points of failure or weakness that may exist. With the aid of the superintendent the teachers should as earnestly work to overcome such defects as may be within their power to overcome.

There may be defects, beyond the power of the teachers to remove, for which the responsibility lies outside the schoolroom. If such exist, it certainly is my duty to inform you.

More than this, the duty of all is to do our very best, and when we try to justify any action by saying, "That is the way we always have done," we confess that we have not been doing our best, or else that we have reached the limit of our growth for improvement. Only a superb egotist is ever thoroughly satisfied with what he does, and we need not be the less useful because we are not what we hope to be.

High School.

Your action before the beginning of the school year, gave opportunity for a class to do third-year work, and derive a benefit which they deserved, even at the expense of additional work required of the teachers.

The change to a course of four years, prompted by the new law in relation to high schools, adopted by you at the beginning of the second term, is proving very popular with

the pupils. I am constantly hearing expressions of pleasure from them.

Now an opportunity is provided, at home, for pupils to fit for the normal schools, and colleges, with little additional expense, as the state furnishes practically the cost of the extra teacher. With a good class coming in from the ninth grade, I see no reason why our high school may not be on a firm basis next year.

Attendance.

Consulting the reports of former superintendents, I find so much said about irregular attendance that I hesitate to mention anything upon the subject. The records naturally lead one to infer that it is a chronic condition, peculiar to Millis.

Knowing that there are parents so indifferent to the welfare of their children as to allow them to be irregular in attendance, and even to detain them from school for trivial purposes, the state, by law requires every child between the ages of seven and fourteen years, to attend school *all of the time* schools are in session in the town. Notwithstanding, there are found parents who wilfully deprive their children of school privileges, and by so doing create a disrespect for law, which leaves the mind of the child susceptible to anarchical teachings dangerous to the freedom of our country.

Is irregular attendance due to lack of interest on the part of teachers? Does the fact, that out of the 28 towns in the county, Millis is placed as the 27th in the amount of money raised and expended per child, point to one cause? Is it apathy on the part of the citizens?

Usually those who have least regard for the attendance of their children, are not apathetic when it comes to criticisms on the teacher and school officers.

I cannot answer these questions, but I wish to appeal to the citizens through you to give the matter of attendance careful thought and to see to it that a public spirit be aroused which will result in more care in this direction.

I wish to add that I was greatly cheered and encouraged

to find that in Mrs. Newcombe's room there was not an absence for the week ending January 16.

On making comparisons with the records on file, I find the per cent of attendance so far this school year, indicating a little rise over that of the last few years.

Buildings and Grounds.

Visitors to a town usually notice the condition of the school buildings. If these present an untidy appearance a lasting unpleasant effect is produced. The ill effect of such buildings upon the characters of the children cannot be measured, and it behooves us to be ever on the alert to guard against little things which in themselves seem trifling. Trifles in the right direction lead to perfection.

The change you recently authorized in the heating plant of the Adams school, whereby the room in the third story is made available for use, provides a good recitation room for the additional classes. The janitor informs me that the change is very satisfactory in operation, the building heating more quickly, with less fuel, than ever before. This is certainly gratifying if an item of supposed expense proves to be a saving in the end.

Your attention has been called in the past to the state of the walls in the corridors. The conditions of one year ago still exist, intensified by another year of use.

The grounds are not an advertisement of thrift and taste on the part of the citizens, and I sincerely hope that something will be done to improve the appearance. I feel that the children would appreciate a tidy yard, and that they would co-operate in maintaining a grass lawn in front.

If a permanent assistant is to be placed in the Ellice school, new blackboards should be provided for the recitation room.

The outbuildings here are a menace to the morals of the children, and should be replaced by something respectable.

Books and Supplies.

I found the schools generally well supplied with books. Those purchased during the year have been principally such as were required by the formation of new classes.

To meet the requirements of more modern methods of book-keeping, the Meservey text-book was exchanged for Commercial and Industrial Book-keeping. By this system each pupil makes his records from the actual business papers, and these are handled as in regular office work.

Many early advocates of vertical writing insisted that it is natural and self taught. The test of use seems to prove that good results can be obtained only as with other systems, by careful teaching. To avoid the back hand, which is a serious defect of the attempted vertical, it seems wise to use a system with some degree of slant. To secure this, a change was made to the medial slant. Copy-books were selected having copies by the same author, hence the forms of the letters are practically the same as those of the vertical system in use, thus not requiring a radical change on the part of the pupils.

After years of experience in teaching this special subject, I am convinced that a child should be encouraged to delvelop an individual handwriting, produced by securing an easy position, by careful training for legibility and rapidity, through the aid of the teacher.

There were copy-books on hand of a system partially discarded several years ago. By exchanging for new books the cost was less for the year than would have been the cost of buying the necessary books for the system in use.

Only those supplies have been purchased which were absolutely needed to secure good work, and careful selections have been made. Teachers have distributed material with care.

The supply bill is by no means a large one.

Conclusion.

A change in school administration, bringing together teachers and superintendent, strangers to each other, must necessarily produce conditions of trial which require mutual charity and help in order to save the schools from injury.

I feel under obligation for the unswerving support of the

school committee, and wish to thank teachers, pupils and citizens for courtesies extended.

The elements of progress, existing in our schools, must be nurtured for the best advancement of all.

"Our grand business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies closely at hand."

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. WEST,

Superintendent of Schools.

Millis, Mass., Feb. 1, 1903.

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